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Jim:

Our man in Bangkok is
optimistic that the Thai
Government is on the verge
of approving the ROSET
installation.



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AS THE AMBASSADOR ENTERED THE COUNTRY TEAM MEETING 2 JANUARY HE JOGULARLY EXPRESSED A NEW YEAP'S WISH THAT THE FIBIS ROSET PROJECT WOULD RECEIVE RTG APPROVAL. OUR SOUNDINGS WITH VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE BUREAUCRACY INDICATE THAT THIS IS BETTER THAN A WISH AND THAT REF'S CHARACTERIZATION OF A "CONCLUSIVE PHASE" OF OUR SEARCH WAS JUSTIFIED. NOT ONLY DO THESE VARIOUS ELEMENTS PROFESS APPROVAL, BUT, MORE CRUCIALLY, THEY ARE PRODDING ONE ANOTHER FOR MOVEMENT ON THE MATTER. AT OUR REQUEST, THE MFA HAS COMMUNICATED A SENSE OF URGENCY TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF THIALAND, WHO IN TURN HAS TASKED ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATE OFFICES TO ~~PREPARE A RESPONSE~~ TO THE MFA BY NEXT WEEK. THAT OFFICE WAS THE ONE INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS RECOUNTED IN PAPA 2 ~~of Ref~~!; INITIALLY RATHER HOSTILE, THEY WERE TURNED AROUND BY THE CHARM OF OUR ENGINEERS AND THE BURDEN OF OUR DOCUMENTATION. WHEN (I'M DROPPING THE "IF") WE GET THE APPROVAL, I SUGGEST DRAFTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE BANG PING AGREEMENT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ROSET.

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